Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—In the rules, there is a provision for appointing an additional member, if a member neglects his work.

President.—I suppose these remarks may be borne in mind by the members of committees hereafter, and when the members read out the names of members that may be appointed in the Select Committee. As to the number, I leave it to the option of the Council. But do you think, Mr. Kunjunni Raja, that there should be 9 members?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There is no rule in regard to that, so far as Select Committee rules are concerned.

President.—The matter is not a serious one. We do not take up much time for coming to the decision. The number may be reduced. It is left to the Members.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—If any future occasion arises, I shall be very careful. In this case I do not think it will be fair to reduce the number of Members.

The motion of Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja was put to votes and carried.

President.—I appoint the Revenue Member as Chairman of the Select Committee.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Sir, I move that the Select Committee be directed to submit its Report within one month from this date.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, I beg to second it.

President.—I suppose that the period is sufficient.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—The Diwan has power to extend the time.

President.—We shall see that the Report comes in the next meeting which may probably be in the early part of Kumbham.

The motion that the Select Committee be directed to submit its Report within one month was put to votes and carried.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja's Banker's Books Evidence Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Banker's Books Evidence Bill.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—Sir, I beg to second it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The principle to be adopted by this House is that leave to introduce almost all Bills must be given. At the first stage, we should not bring in any objection whatever.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—I give my full support to the suggestion.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—Leave to introduce may be given, even when a Bill goes against rules. It may be objected to at the second or third stage.

The motion for leave to introduce the Banker's Books Evidence Bill was put to votes and carried.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon's Bill to amend the Nayar Regulation.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Cochin Nayar Regulation.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Sir, I beg to second it.

The motion for leave to introduce the Bill to amend Cochin Nayar Regulation was put to votes and carried.

RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

The Establishment of a State Bank.

President.—We will now continue the discussion on the resolution moved by Srimati Madhavi Amma. Of course, we have carried on the discussion for a long time, and we have come near the close of the discussion. In order to explain matters more fully and correctly, I would like to say that what is stated as a State Bank is unknown to us, and I may, therefore, ask Srimati T. Madhavi Amma to make it "State-aided Bank". Otherwise, the resolution as it is will have to be put to the vote of the House. Afterwards, on a reference made to Srimati Madhavi Amma, the point was made clear, and she stated that she was not referring to a Bank that should be run by the State as any other departmental business conducted by the State. She wants a Bank which should be aided by the State, by contributions from the Darbar funds for carrying out the business of the Bank. If that be the resolution that is insisted on, then a portion of the amendment becomes unnecessary. There is also an amendment standing in the name of Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar. He wants an amendment as follows:—"Or State-aided Bank or at least give financial aid to the sound banks registered in Cochin and conducted by Cochinites, taking sufficient sageguards and guarantees for proper use of public money entrusted to them". So the expression "State-aided Bank" is a repetition in the amendment. The amendment, when properly put, will stand thus:—"giving financial aid to the sound banks registered in Cochin and conducted by Cochinites". I think the resolution and amendment can be understood only in this manner. Unless Srimati Madhavi Amma and Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar would agree with my views, I cannot carry on further discussion. If you have any objection to this view, I would like to hear you.

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